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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

11 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 CHARLENE SCOTT,

16 Defendant.

CASE NO: 2:15-cr-174-KJD-PAL

CASE NO: 2:15-cr-193-JAD-PAL

**STIPULATION TO CONTINUE SELF-SURRENDER DATE.**

17 The United States of America, by and through Nicholas Trutanich, United States Attorney,  
18 and Daniel J. Cowhig, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant CHARLENE SCOTT, by  
19 and through her counsel Lucas Gaffney, Esq., STIPULATE AND AGREE to request this  
20 Honorable Court issue an order extending CHARLENE SCOTT'S self-surrender date to the  
21 Bureau of Prisons, which is currently set for December 9, 2019.

22 DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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1       **A. PROCEDURAL CONTEXT AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

2           On February 22, 2018, the defendant, Charlene Scott (“Charlene”) pleaded guilty to two  
3 (2) counts of Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud; six (6) counts of Wire Fraud;  
4 and three (3) counts of Mail Fraud. [ECF Nos. 217, 220].  
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6           On September 5, 2018, this Court sentenced Charlene to serve forty-six (46) months of  
7 incarceration in the Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”). [ECF Nos. 257, 265]. The Court also ordered  
8 Charlene to self-surrender to the BOP on December, 7, 2018.

9           On November 15, 2018, Charlene filed an Unopposed Motion to Continue Self Surrender  
10 Date [ECF No. 268]. In the Motion, Charlene indicated she had an epidural injection on December  
11 31, 2018, and a follow-up appointment on January 17, 2019. On December 3, 2018, this Court  
12 granted Charlene’s request and continued her self-surrender date to January 20, 2019.  
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14           On January 8, 2019, Charlene filed her Second Unopposed Motion to Continue Self  
15 Surrender Date [ECF No. 271]. In the Motion, Charlene indicated that she was still in extreme  
16 pain despite the epidural injection, and that she believed her physician would recommend  
17 additional procedures to alleviate the pain cause by her chronic back issues during a visit  
18 scheduled for January 17, 2019.  
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20           Additionally, Charlene’s husband, Terry, had learned that his cancer had progressed to the  
21 point that his right kidney needed to be surgically removed. Due to Terry’s age and poor health,  
22 there was a high probability that the surgery could result in significant complications or even  
23 death. The surgery to remove Terry’s right kidney was initially scheduled for February 5, 2019.  
24 On January 16, 2019, this Court granted Charlene’s Second Unopposed Motion, and continued  
25 her self-surrender date to March 5, 2019 [ECF No. 273].  
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1 On February 27, 2019, Charlene filed her Third Unopposed Motion to Continue Self  
2 Surrender Date [ECF No. 276]. In the Motion, Charlene indicated that on February 5, 2019,  
3 Terry's surgeon, Dr. Nicholas Vogelzang (Vogelzang), discovered that Terry's right kidney was  
4 in such poor condition that he did not possess the surgical skills needed to successfully remove  
5 it. Instead, Dr. Vogelzang referred Terry to a specialist, Dr. Inderbir Gill (Gill), at the University  
6 of Southern California Department of Urology (USC). Dr. Gill scheduled Terry's surgery for  
7 February 28, 2019. However, during a pre-surgery assessment on February 25, 2019, Dr. Gill  
8 discovered that Terry had an excessive amount of blood in his right kidney, which caused him to  
9 defer the surgery for one (1) to two (2) months to allow the condition to resolve itself. Dr. Gill  
10 scheduled Terry's next appointment for April 15, 2019.

13 On April 15, 2019, Dr. Gill postponed Terry's surgery for an additional two (2) months  
14 due scarring and inflammation on Terry's kidney. On May 20, 2019, Charlene filed her Fourth  
15 request to continue her self-surrender date [ECF No. 284]. On May 21, 2019, this Court granted  
16 Charlene's request and continued her self-surrender date to August 5, 2019.

18 On June 19, 2019, Terry underwent a follow-up evaluation and Dr. Gill determined that  
19 Terry's kidney was still too inflamed to be removed.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Gill rescheduled Terry's surgery for  
20 October 14, 2019. Accordingly, On July 16, 2019, Charlene filed her Fifth request to continue her  
21 self-surrender date [ECF No. 68 (case 2:15-cr-193)]. On July 18, 2019, this Court granted the  
22 parties' stipulation and continued Charlene's self-surrender date to December 9, 2019. [ECF No.  
23 73 (case 2:15-cr-193)].

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26 <sup>1</sup> Counsel will provide documentation to the Court under seal to support the assertions regarding  
27 the result of Terry's surgery on October 14, 2019. The documents have not been attached as  
28 exhibits to this Stipulation due to Terry's privacy interest in the documentation, and because there  
is not a strong public interest in making them available to the public. The documentation has been  
provided to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

1 On October 14, 2019, Dr. Gill successfully removed Terry's kidney. However, during  
2 Terry's recovery in the hospital, Charlene noticed he was having difficulty with his speech and  
3 mobility. Charlene informed Terry's doctors and nurses of her concerns. Initially, the doctors and  
4 nurses believed that Terry was merely having a difficult recovery from his kidney surgery.  
5 However, after further complaints from Charlene, Terry's doctors ran additional tests and  
6 discovered Terry had an acute stroke. Presently, Terry is back in Las Vegas in recovery. However,  
7 over the next two months it is crucial that Charlene provide 24-hour care, and monitoring, of  
8 Terry.  
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## 10 11 **B. POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

12 This Court has the inherent authority to extend Charlene's self-surrender date to the  
13 Bureau of Prisons under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a), which reads in pertinent part:  
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15 **(a) Release or detention pending sentence.--(1)** Except as provided in  
16 paragraph (2), the judicial officer shall order that a person who has been  
17 found guilty of an offense and who is awaiting imposition or execution of  
18 sentence, other than a person for whom the applicable guideline promulgated  
19 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994 does not recommend a term of imprisonment, be  
20 detained, **unless the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing**  
21 **evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to the safety**  
22 **of any other person or the community if released under section 3142(b)**  
23 **or (c). If the judicial officer makes such a finding, such judicial officer**  
24 **shall order the release of the person in accordance with section 3142(b)**  
25 **or (c).**

26 Thus, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3143(a), this Court has the authority to permit Charlene to  
27 voluntarily report to prison if it is determined by "clear and convincing evidence that she is not  
28 likely to flee or pose a danger to the safety of any other person or the community." Charlene  
29 submits that 18 U.S.C. §3143(a) gives this Court the inherent authority to continue her self-  
30 surrender date as long as she is not a danger to the community or a flight risk. As this Court  
31 knows, Charlene has been completely compliant with all of the conditions of pretrial release since

1 July of 2015—and as the Court previously has determined in allowing her to remain at liberty,  
2 ever after her conviction and sentencing— she is neither a danger to the community nor a flight  
3 risk.

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5         Additionally, 18 U.S.C. §3145(c) allows a person subject to detention to be ordered  
6 released if it is clearly shown why there are exceptional reasons why the person’s detention would  
7 not be appropriate. Exceptional circumstances exist where there is ‘a unique combination of  
8 circumstances giving rise to situations that are out of the ordinary. *United States v. DiSomma*, 951  
9 F.2d 494, 497 (2d Cir.1991). Charlene submits that the risk of post-surgery complication or death  
10 created by Terry’s kidney surgery constitutes an exceptional circumstance that is out of the  
11 ordinary.  
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13         Here, because Charlene meets the requirements under 18 U.S.C. §3143(a) and 18 U.S.C.  
14 §3145(c), and she remains in compliance with the current conditions of her release, the parties  
15 respectfully request this Court issue an Order continuing her self-surrender date for sixty (60)  
16 days. This continuance will allow Charlene to provide Terry with the 24-hour care he desperately  
17 needs, and to monitor him for signs of another stroke. The continuance also accounts for Dr. Gill’s  
18 belief that Terry will require at least 90-days of post-operative care.  
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20         Counsel for Charlene has spoken to Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Cowhig, and  
21 he has no objection to continuing Charlene’s self-surrender date for sixty days (60) days.  
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1 Based on the foregoing, the parties respectfully request that this Honorable Court continue  
2 Charlene's self-surrender date for sixty (60) days.

3 IT IS ORDERED self surrender date is now Friday, February 21, 2020 by noon.

4 DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2019.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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12 Dated: November 21, 2019

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